

## TREE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Date and Time:** May 14, 2015, 7:15 PM  
**Location:** One Renaissance Center-345 High Street  
Seventh Floor Conference Room

**Note: Before the formal Meeting, Fairfield Board members met with Hamilton Board representatives at 6:30 at the Tree Nursery to observe this project.**

### **I. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Doris Bergen, Armand Bloch, Carol Christian, Ann Coombs, Dan Gladish, Buck Huber, Carrie Pate

**Members Absent:** Alfred Hall, Chelsea Obrebski

### **Other Guests and Attendees:**

Members of the Fairfield Environmental Commission and their staff: Dave Colteryahn, Roni Craig, Greg Lobbuono, Tom Nault, Rita Rings, Gwen Ritchie, Bob Schapacher; as well as Jack Moser, Mark Murray, Andy Weltzer, Joel Fink

### **II. Fairfield Environmental Commission Report**

Commission members described some of their activities including: Arbor Day event held as part of the Fairfield Home Expo; Earth Day tree planting event; the planting event held in collaboration with the Isaac Walton League; Tree City Luncheon, Adopt a Roadway, tree planting events, and other activities. They also distributed packets of milkweed seeds that are part of an effort to reverse the dwindling population of butterflies.

### **III. Hamilton Tree Advisory Board Report**

Board members described activities that included: the Tree Academy; Arbor Day tree planting events in two locations (Brookwood, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street); the Tree Lab project completion; Management Plan update; Lane Library presentation; Big Tree Contest; and Crawford Arboretum. The flyer to be distributed in electric bills was also circulated to members and guests.

### **IV. Discussion of Possible Joint Activities**

In response to a question concerning ways to attract visitors to the arboretum and to other parks, there was a discussion and suggestions for concerts and events for children that can be held at these locations. Another option suggested was to include these sites in geocaching activities, which have brought people to local parks.

### **V. Board Routine Business**

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Moved: Carrie Pate

Seconded: Buck Huber

Motion passed.

**VI. Planning Commission**

Armand informed the Hamilton board that their contact within the Hamilton Planning Commission is Dale McAlistair. Current commission discussion is focused on the Riverside Park and trees to be planted there. Armand explained that this is not a city project, but rather is being managed by the Riverside Park and Recreation Foundation. He will keep the board apprised of their activities.

**VII. Fourth of July Parade**

Doris showed the board the invitation to participate in this year's July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. The board voted to participate again this year in the parade and members volunteered to work on getting the board's entry ready.

Moved: Buck Huber

Seconded: Ann Coombs

Motion passed.

**VIII. Other Business**

Carrie explained that, in spite of recommendations to the contrary, the Fitton Center staff chose to cut down five street trees instead of two that were initially approved by the city manager. Andy Weltzer said that their primary motivation appeared to be increased visibility of their new electronic sign. Unfortunately, three very desirable trees were lost and it is unclear what trees will be planted to replace the destroyed trees.

**IX. Motion to Adjourn**

Moved: Carol Christian

Seconded: Buck Huber

Motion passed.

The next meeting of the Hamilton Tree Advisory Board will be **on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM.**